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Railroad Construction (April-October 1948)

1. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] Workers on the sector beginning at Tansyk consisted of Germans, Hungarians [REDACTED] Leveling of the bed and building of embankments had already been completed. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] As the work progressed, the workers were moved from their camp south of Karaganda to tent camps along the rail line. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the Tansyk-Alma Ata line also was double-tracked. 25X1
2. It is not known whether the Tansyk-Semipalatinsk line is single-or double-tracked. The Karaganda-Balkhash sector apparently is double-tracked, but this is not known for certain. It is not known if any stations besides the one at Karkaralinsk were constructed. Track-laying at Karaganda station was done by other crews. The passenger station is on the west side of town, east of the main line. It has two covered platforms, each having two tracks, and there are pedestrian bridges over the tracks. The station building was of stone, 30-35 m long, and had two rows of windows. There were eight to ten sidings west of the through line which were 300-400 m long. West of the sidings, almost opposite the passenger station, was the freight station, containing many ramps, sheds, and a coaling installation. South of the freight station was the locomotive shed, which had about fifteen entrances. South of the locomotive shed was a large water tank made of steel sheeting, mounted on a brick base. Under the tank was a heating installation to prevent the water for the locomotives from freezing.

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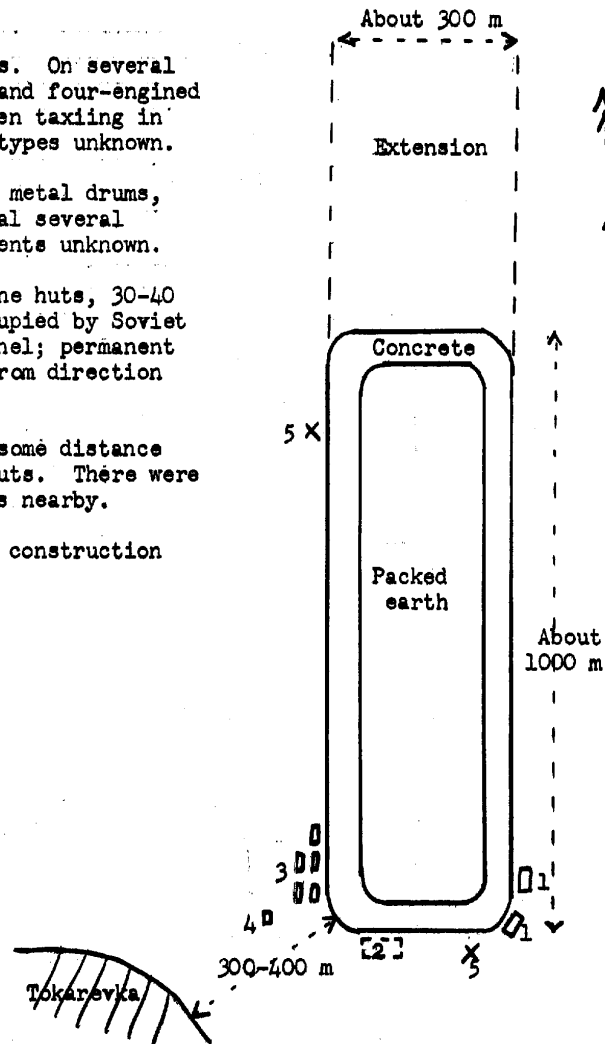
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Airfield Construction (May-June 1950)

3. There is an airfield 300-400 m northeast of Tokarevka (N 50-06, E 73-08). The field is of packed earth, surrounded by a concrete runway 40-50 m wide. The dimensions of the field were about 1000 (north/south) x 300m, but an extension apparently was being carried out toward the north, as Soviet soldiers and civilians were leveling the ground; the length of the extension was not determined. Aircraft were occasionally seen taking off and landing.

Sketch of Airfield near TokarevkaLegend.

1. Two large hangars. On several occasions twin- and four-engined aircraft were seen taxiing in and out. Plane types unknown.
2. Storage area for metal drums, estimated to total several thousands. Contents unknown.
3. Four or five stone huts, 30-40 meters long, occupied by Soviet Air Force personnel; permanent telephone line from direction of Tokarevka.
4. Small stone hut some distance from the other huts. There were two antenna masts nearby.
5. Storage area for construction materials.



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